

PASCO PS-3232 Control.Node Sense and Control Kit Installation Guide

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PASCO PS-3232 Control.Node Sense and Control Kit

Product Information:

The //control.Node is a device with various features designed for controlling and sensing applications. It comes with several accessories to enhance its functionality. The device features include:

- 1 USB Port: Used for charging the battery and making a wired connection to a computer or Chromebook.
- 2 Power Button: Press and hold for one second to turn the sensor on or off.
- 3 Device ID: Used to identify the sensor when connecting using Bluetooth.
- 4 Bluetooth Status Light: Indicates the status of the Bluetooth connection and whether uploaded code is running.
- 5 Battery Status Light: Indicates the battery level and charging status.
- 6 Mounting holes (on bottom): Used for mounting the //control.Node to various objects.

The //control.Node also has sense and control features:

- Sensor port: Used to connect sensors such as the Greenhouse Sensor, Line Follower, or Range Finder.
- Power Out ports: Used to connect accessories like High Speed Stepper Motor, Low Speed Stepper Motor, Power Output Board, or Grow Light. Each accessory can be controlled with a specific block.
- Servo ports: Used to connect Servo Motors or Continuous Rotation Servos. Servos can be controlled with the set servo block.
- Accelerometer: Measures acceleration along three axes and helps determine the device's orientation.
- Speaker: Outputs sound at a specified frequency.

Product Usage Instructions

Before using the //control.Node, follow these steps:

Step 1: Charge the battery

Connect the //control.Node USB port to a USB charger using the included USB cable. The battery light will indicate the charging status.

What's included

- //control.Node
- USB cable

Accessories

The following accessories are designed for use with the //control.Node:

- High Speed Stepper Motor (PS-2976)
- Low Speed Stepper Motor (PS-2978)
- Power Output Module (PS-3324)
- Greenhouse Sensor (PS-3322)
- PASCObot Body (PS-3318)
- PASCObot Range Finder (PS-3321)
- PASCObot Line Follower (PS-3320)
- Servo Motor (SE-2975)
- Continuous Rotation Servo Motor (SE-2977)

Device features

1. USB Port

Use this port to charge the battery by connecting to a USB charger using the included USB cable. You can also use this port to make a wired connection to a computer or Chromebook.

2. Power Button

Press and hold for one second to turn the sensor on or off.

3. Device ID

Use to identify the sensor when connecting using Bluetooth.

4. Bluetooth Status Light

Indicates the status of the Bluetooth connection and whether uploaded code is running.

5. Battery Status Light

Indicates the battery level and charging status.

6. Mounting holes (on bottom)

Use for mounting the //control.Node to various objects. Accepts #6-32 screws.

Sense and control features

The //control.Node outputs are controlled with blocks provided in the Code tool in SPARKvue or PASCO Capstone. Sensors can be used to control devices connected to the outputs using the value of block in the Code tool. After opening the Code tool, select the Hardware category to access the blocks.

1. Accelerometer

Use the accelerometer to measure acceleration along three axes.

The label indicates the location of the accelerometer on the //control.Node and the positive direction of each axis.

When motionless, the accelerometer measures $+9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ when pointing away from the ground and -9.8 m/s^2 when pointing towards the ground. This is useful for determining the //control.Node's orientation. For example, if the y-axis is pointing away from the ground, the Acceleration – y measurement reads 9.8 m/s^2 and the other axes measure 0.

2. Speaker

Use the speaker to output a sound at a specified frequency.

Control the speaker frequency with the set frequency block.

3. Sensor port

Use this port to connect sensors including the Greenhouse

Sensor (PS-3222), Line Follower (PS-3320), or Range Finder (PS-3321).

4. Power Out ports

Use these ports to connect a High Speed Stepper Motor

(PS-2976), Low Speed Stepper Motor (PS-2978), Power Output

Board (PS-3324), or Grow Light (PS-3347). Control each accessory with a block designed specifically for the accessory.

5. Servo ports

Use these ports to connect a Servo Motor (SE-2975), Continuous

Rotation Servo (SE-2977), or other third-party servos. Control servos with the set servo block.

Important: The servos must connect with the black wire on the right side, as indicated by the dark dot on the label.

The //control.Node On-board Sensor can measure the servo current. You can use this measurement to detect a resisting force when the servo is trying to maintain a specified position. The Servo Current increases in response to resisting the force.

Getting started

Perform the tasks in this section before using this device in the classroom.

Step 1: Charge the battery

Connect the //control.Node USB port to a USB charger using the included USB cable. The battery light displays yellow while charging and changes to green when fully charged.

Step 2: Get the software

You can use the //control.Node with SPARKvue or PASCO Capstone software. If you're not sure which app to use, visit [pasco.com/products/guides/software-comparison](https://www.pasco.com/products/guides/software-comparison) for help. SPARKvue is available as a free app for

Chromebook, iOS, and Android devices.

We offer a free trial of SPARKvue and Capstone for Windows and Mac.

WINDOWS AND MAC CHROMEBOOK, IOS, AND ANDROID

Go to pasco.com/downloads. Search for SPARKvue in your device's app store.

If you already have the software, check that you have the latest update installed:

SPARKvue

Go to the Main Menu then select Check for Updates.

PASCO Capstone

In the menu bar, click Help then select Check for updates.

Step 3: Connect to the software

SPARKvue

1. Press and hold the power button until the lights turn on.
2. Open SPARKvue.
3. Select Sensor Data on the Welcome Screen.
4. Select the //control.Node that matches its device ID.

Important: You may be prompted to update the firmware if a new version is available. If so, click Yes to update the firmware.

5. Select a template. If you're not sure which to choose, select Graph.

PASCO Capstone

1. Press and hold the power button until the lights turn on.
2. Open PASCO Capstone.
3. Click Hardware Setup.
4. Select the //control.Node that matches its device ID.

Important: You may be prompted to update the firmware if a new version is available. If so, click Yes to update the firmware.

5. Click Hardware Setup again to close the panel.

Step 4: Create a program

Create a program using Blockly by opening the Code tool in the software. You can either build a program from scratch or import a program from the PASCO Code Library.

To build a new program, select a category in the Blockly toolbox and drag blocks to the workspace. The Hardware category contains the sense and control blocks for the //control.Node.

To import a program from the PASCO Code Library:

1. At the top right corner of the Code tool, click the PASCO Code Library .
2. Select a category from the list.
3. Select a program to import then click OK.

To run the program, click Start in SPARKvue or Record in Capstone.

Additional information on how to use the Code tool and Blockly can be found in the SPARKvue and PASCO Capstone help.

SPARKvue

- Software: Go to the Main Menu then select Help.
- Online: pasco.com/help/sparkvue

PASCO Capstone

- Software: In the menu bar, click Help then select
- PASCO Capstone Help.
- Online: pasco.com/help/capstone

Step 5: Download an experiment

Download one of several student-ready activities from the PASCO Experiment Library. Experiments include editable student handouts and teacher notes. Go to pasco.com/freelabs/ps-3232.

Specifications and accessories

Visit the product page at pasco.com/product/PS-3232 to view the specifications and explore accessories. You can also find experiment files and support documents on the product page.

Technical Support

Need more help? Our knowledgeable and friendly Technical Support staff is ready to provide assistance with this or any other PASCO product.

Regulatory information

Warranty, Copyright, and Trademarks

Limited Warranty

For a description of the product warranty, see the Warranty and Returns page at www.pasco.com/legal.

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Product end of life disposal instructions

This electronic product is subject to disposal and recycling regulations that vary by country and region. It is your responsibility to recycle your electronic equipment per your local environmental laws and regulations to ensure

that it will be recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. To find out where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local waste recycle or disposal service, or the place where you purchased the product.

The European Union WEEE (Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment) symbol on the product or its packaging indicates that this product must not be disposed of in a standard waste container.

Battery disposal instructions

Batteries contain chemicals that, if released, may affect the environment and human health. Batteries should be collected separately for recycling and recycled at a local hazardous material disposal location adhering to your country and local government regulations. To find out where you can drop off your waste battery for recycling, please contact your local waste disposal service, or the product representative. The battery used in this product is marked with the European Union symbol for waste batteries to indicate the need for the separate collection and recycling of batteries.

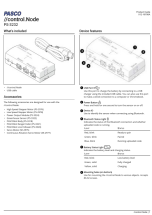
FCC statement

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

CE statement

This device has been tested and found to comply with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of the applicable EU Directives.

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